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**\$1.6 Million Settlement for Wrongful Death**

**Chicago-March 3, 2016** - The family of Nijola Lileikis (66 years-old), reached an \$1.6 million settlement with the University of Illinois and Specialty Physicians of Illinois, LLC. The settlement was entered by Cook County Circuit Judge Eileen Mary Brewer. The family was represented by attorney William A. Cirignani of Cirignani Heller & Harman, LLP.

On January 14, 2013 Ms. Lileikis went to St. James WellGroup surgicenter to have nasal polyps removed. These had been making it difficult for her to breathe normally. The surgeon performed bilateral endoscopic sinus surgery with nasal polypectomy on Ms. Lileikis. During the surgery a surgical instrument entered the cranial cavity, damaging an intracranial blood vessel. As a result, Ms. Lileikis suffered a subarachnoid bleed.

Ms. Lileikis was unresponsive after the surgery at which point the subarachnoid bleed was identified. She was transferred to a hospital after the procedure. On February 15, 2013 Ms. LiLeikis died from complications of the bleed.

This settlement brings to a close a tragic chapter for the family of the deceased. “Nothing will ever replace the loss of a mother and spouse, but with this settlement the family of Ms. Lileikis can move forward with their lives knowing that they held those who were negligent accountable for their actions,” said Cirignani after the settlement was reached. Ms. Lileikis is survived by her husband and five children.

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